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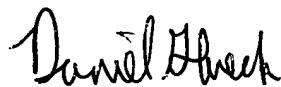
Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 13 are pending, with Claims 1, 9, and 10 being independent. Claims 1, 2, and 4 through 7 have been amended. Claims 9 through 13 have been added.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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